



# Bicton Primary School

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	R U Legal Yr 5/6 Parents 3.00pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Councillor Assembly Canteen Open
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Close 2.30pm Kindy Screening – Health Nurse Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm Uniform Shop Open 2.15pm – 3.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Pirate Day Dress up – Supporting Childhood Brain Cancer Research Room 1 Year 1 Assembly

At Bicton PS we have been focusing on school safety, community safety and protective behaviours. You will notice that all duty staff on recess and lunch duty now have high visual vests on to ensure the students are able to find a staff member quickly when they need their assistance. We have also added some security cameras to our school which have proved helpful during the holiday period as we had no vandalism during this time. All teachers in the school have been focusing on teaching Protective Behaviours in Semester One which further equips our students with strategies for protecting themselves and others.

Ms Kerryn Woodhouse  
**Principal**

## WHOLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION

At the start of 2017 the school staff wanted to establish a whole school support program that was based on the recommendations from data analysis and one that promotes Innovation and collaborative Inquiry Learning to maximize student learning and engagement.

We chose to utilize the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework to provide a structure for all staff to reflect on their practices and identify opportunities for improved learning areas for the students. Our focus was: Collaborative Inquiry can transform learning in schools and it is also a deeply embedded strategy in the West Australian Curriculum.

The project would include the whole school and was planned over a 2 year period to ensure the integration of new knowledge. The project was organised and resourced using admin support time, with a time line completed within 2019 with a whole school production

The standards that we focused upon were: Relationships: fostering positive participation and Teachers in collaboration with the community linked to Aboriginal cultures.

All stakeholders, including the Board, were excited and supportive of the project and looking forward to being actively involved. Planning and processes undertaken to date include many activities for the students with incursions / excursions, Learning with Elders organised on Bicton Foreshore (Noel Nannup), Oral History, from Neville Collard, downloaded which has been used as inspiration for student narrative writing, BEAG planting, Music & Dance performances, Artist in Residence program and much more.

We are now in the final stages of our project and we will be performing a whole school production in the last week of term. The whole school will be involved from singing, dancing, acting, prop and backdrop making, costume creations to stage crew and promotion. Some of our year 5

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Our Year 6 students had a great time on camp at Rottnest Island and this was an absolutely wonderful experience for them. The relationships, risk taking, adventure and development students have on camp is so important for their Year 6 experience and final year of primary school. I would like to thank Ms Madden, Ms Dawson, Mr Peet, Megan and the Notre Dame Pre Service teachers for enabling this great educational and developmental opportunity for our students. Not all schools are able to provide this and we are very lucky at Bicton that we have people willing to go above and beyond for our students.



students have written the script from our oral history stories. As you can see this is a whole school involvement with the students highly influencing the outcome.

There will be two performances in Week 10 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 4.00pm and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm. More information will be sent out.

### EDUDANCE CONCERTS

The edudance concerts for our Pre Primary – Year 5 students are being held on the last week of term. Please see the table below. Our Kindy classes will showcase their dancing talents for their parents in their own performance. Please see the Kindy teacher for more details. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2.00pm
Room 7 Year 5	Room 7 Year 5
Room 2 Year 1	Room 9 Year 4
Pre Primary 2	Room 12 Year 2/3
Room 10 Year 3	Room 11 Year 3
Room 8 Year 4	Pre Primary 1
Room 14 Year 2	Room 4 Year 2
Room 1 Year 1	Room 3 Year 1

### 2020 KINDY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being taken for children entering Kindy in 2020. Application forms are available for collection from the front office. Completed application forms must include a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of residential address (egg utilities bill), visa subclass details (if applicable) and the ACIR Immunisation History Statement.

### WINTER ILLNESS

With the flu season upon us, it is important to maintain the good health of the school community. If your child is sick, please keep them at home, until they are better.

We recommend good hand hygiene at all times. It is a very effective method to prevent the spread of winter ailments. School staff and parents assist in preventing the transmission of diseases in the school environment. While it is often difficult to prevent the transmission of common respiratory (colds/flu), viral and gastroenteritis infections that occur, every effort should be made to minimise the spread of infection by encouraging:

- the regular washing of hands;
  - students to stay at home in the early stages of illness as at this stage they can be infectious and shed the virus, bacteria or parasite through coughing, sneezing, contaminating surfaces and personal contact;
  - students who are ill should not return to school until they are symptom free if they have a cold or flu and for at least 24 hours if they have had gastroenteritis;
  - parents to seek medical advice if their child has on going symptoms of illness;
- (Communicable Diseases Guidelines 2016)

### P&C NEWS

The term is flying along and the P&C has plenty of news on our activities!

### FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2019

Following feedback from parents, it was unanimously agreed by those present at the last committee meeting that the P&C will contribute primarily to two initiatives that will benefit students and parents in 2019. These initiatives have been agreed based on feedback and advice from parents and school management.

- First priority is payment for the Guided Reading Tables and Hokki Stools for every class. You may have seen these in some of the class rooms already (cost: \$11,000).
- Second priority will be the extension of a shaded patio area around two sides of the assembly area (extension to southern patio and also along the back) to provide better shelter for visitors attending assemblies and other shows at school as well as for kids, particularly on sports days or other outdoor activities on the oval. (approx cost \$10,000 however this is pending final quotation).

The P&C is excited to move forward with our fundraising efforts for the rest of the year and we thank parents for their fantastic support.

### CANTEEN

We were so pleased to re-open the canteen last Friday with over 90 lunch orders provided to students as well as over 100 kids served at recess. The canteen will be open every Friday for recess and lunch. Lunch orders only **must be lodged online**: [www.schoollunchonline.com.au](http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au) . It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT when you log in (before you order) to check your child's profile and make sure their class room number is correct or lunch will be delivered to the wrong place!

### QUIZ NIGHT COMING UP

Book now for the ever popular P&C Quiz night scheduled for Friday 21 June. It is a music theme this year and sure to be a great night out!! Book online <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=509580&> You can book individual tickets or a whole table (of 8-10).

### PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

The P&C will be hosting a free Protective Behaviours workshop for parents facilitated by PB West on Tuesday 25 June at 6pm. More details will be sent to all parents very soon.

### P&CMEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June from 7pm in the school boardroom, All welcome. If you have a specific item you would like on the agenda, please contact Gemma Osiejak: [president@bictonpandc.org.au](mailto:president@bictonpandc.org.au)